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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 10/092,385 entitled "METHODS FOR SECURING STRANDS OF WOVEN MEDICAL DEVICES AND DEVICES FORMED THEREBY" – Jeffery J. Sheldon*
Our reference: IDEV:020US

Sir:

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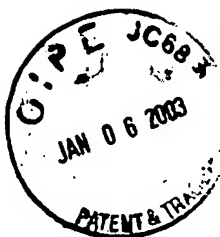
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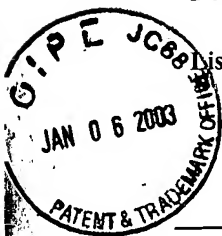
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